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# **MAY 20, 2015 PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR NEWARK, NJ 07102 9:00 a.m.**

## **I OPENING STATEMENT AND ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Acupuncture was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Shoshanna Katzman, President of the Board, announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed out to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Star Ledger, the Record, the Press of Atlantic City, the Asbury Park Press, and the Trenton Times. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded and a quorum was present:

### **PRESENT**

**Henry McCann, L.Ac**  
**Roger Rossi, D.O.**  
**Shoshanna Katzman, L.Ac**  
**Karen Wei-Ru Lin, M.D. (Left at 11:30)**

### **EXCUSED**

**Edith Lee, PhD., L.Ac**  
**Mimi Vassilev-Baker, L.Ac**  
**Barbara Montana, M.D.**

### **ALSO PRESENT**

**Jodi Krugman, DAG**  
**Renee P. Clark, Executive Director**  
**Sonia Claudino Administrative Staff**

## II ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Directed to table this matter to the next scheduled Board meeting.

## III MINUTES

The Board reviewed the January 21, 2015 Public Session Minutes. After review, a motion was made by Dr. Rossi, seconded by Dr. McCann to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## IV NEW BUSINESS

- a. A motion was made by Dr. Rossi, seconded by Dr. McCann to change the November 11, 2015 Board meeting to November 18, 2015. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- b. The Board discussed Senate No. 2729 which authorizes health care practitioners to provide health care services through telemedicine.

The Board reviewed the Bill for informational purposes.

- c. Cynthia Neipris from Pacific College of Oriental Medicine submitted an inquiry for Board review in regards to recently being granted regional accreditation by Western Association of Schools and Colleges and whether it will alter the rule that has been applied in the past requiring Masters graduates from their Bachelor of Professional Studies/Masters degree program to also have a separate Bachelors degree in order to obtain an Acupuncture license in the State of New Jersey.

**Dr. McCann recused himself since he currently works for Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Due to Dr. McCann's recusal there was no quorum present.**

In order for the Board to make a determination as to whether this new program will satisfy the Board's regulation course hour requirements. A recommendation was made by Dr. Rossi, seconded by Dr. Lin to request that Ms. Neipris provide the course curriculum including required hours for completion and the course catalog. In addition, if available invite Ms. Neipris to attend the next scheduled Board meeting to answer questions about the program. This matter is tabled pending the requested information.

- d. Erin Kumpf submitted an inquiry for Board review as to whether she is allowed to offer introductory packages to patients.

Chair directed a letter be sent to Ms. Kumpf indicating that the Board has no jurisdiction over this issue since it is not addressed in the Board's Statutes and Regulations.

#### **IV NEW BUSINESS (cont.)**

- e. Newly certified Herbology licensees are requesting that the Board waive the new Herbology continuing education requirement for the current renewal since they have not had enough time since certification to complete the 10 hours required. After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. McCann, seconded by Dr. Rossi to waive the required 10 Herbology continuing education hours for the current renewal period 2015-2017.

In addition, the Board reminds licensees that they need to complete the required continuing education hours including Herbology between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017 for the 2017- 2019 renewal period. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **V HANDOUTS**

- a. The Board discussed granting continuing education credits for completing a CPR course.

After discussion a motion was made by Dr. McCann, seconded by Dr. Rossi to approve completion of a CPR course and grant up to 4 hours of continuing education hours per renewal period towards the required 30. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **VI ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. McCann, seconded by Dr. Rossi to proceed to Executive Session to consider and review continuing education, correspondence and other information received pursuant to the Board's investigative authority in order to determine whether violations of law, including Board's regulations, have occurred. The results of these deliberations will be made known when, and if, the Board determined to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement actions. If the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement actions. If the Board chooses to issue a Uniform Penalty Letter, the action will be taken in Public Session immediately after the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Dr. McCann, seconded by Dr. Rossi to adjourn the meeting at 12:30p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
NEW JERSEY ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINING BOARD

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Renee P. Clark